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## EDITORIAL

We wish our readers a very happy and fun filled Easter. We hope you enjoy the April issue of SCAN and trust you will support the local businesses and services which are advertised in our latest edition. The Citizens Information piece is very informative on the new types of material which can now be recycled. The article also highlights the 4 Rs Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair. SAGE reminds us of the Green Schools campaign to stop idling engines, especially when children are around. Being shorter than adults they are closer to the exhaust pipes and the pollution they release. Definitely food for thought! You may also like to read about how John and Esmée - two amazing ten year old residents of Shankill, have recently raised funds for Joseph's Dementia Care, LauraLynn and Little Princess Trust charities.

## LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 3646067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

## AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

## BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

*St. Anne's Resource Centre Shankill*

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

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You can call us directly at 087-696 2785. Alternately, call **01 855 0022** or go online at ***www.svp.ie.***

## SHANKILL SENIORS CENTRE MONTHLY BOOK SALE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday April 5th, 10am to 1pm at the Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill and the following one is on Saturday May 3rd. Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day – (limited to two bags per person). All proceeds support the Centre's programmes and services.

## SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Shankill Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. The April meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th and the May meeting is on Wednesday 14th. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Meetings commence at 7.45 p.m. For further information either ring or text John O' Hagan at 087 2109175.

## SHANKILL HEALTH CENTRE TALKS

**Venue:** Shankill Health Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, D18 DW08
**Time:** 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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|---|---|
| **1st April** | Positive Aging – It is not all bad |
| **6th May** | Mental Health in Younger Adults - Supports |
| **3rd June** | Support for Carers |
| **1st July** | Pre Planning - Decision Making when we get older |

## MARTELLO PRODUCTIONS

"A CONVENIENT MURDER " by David Summers will be on in Rathmichael Parish National School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill on Wed 23rd to Fri 25th April at 8.00pm nightly. Tickets are €15 (€10 unwaged, student and OAPs) to include refreshments. For tickets please call 0862633955.

## RENAMING OF LOCAL BUS STOPS

Local resident Kathy Davey has been corresponding with the National Transport Authority in relation to the new E1 bus route and the renaming of stop numbers 3141 and 3138 in Shankill. The stops used to be listed on the timetable as " St Anne's Church" but since the reorganisation of the bus service they have been renamed Station Road.

Station Road is a small road ending in a cul de sac, a short distance from Stop.No. 3141 and refers to the railway station (now Shankill Business Centre) which was in use there until the Harcourt Street railway line closed down about 60 years ago. It would be only a faint memory to some older local people. However, the church is unmissable beside the road and there is a big sign with " St Anne's Church " on it at the side of St. Anne's Resource Centre in the church grounds as well.

Kathy asked Transport for Ireland: What was the reasoning behind the change in name? Was there consultation with local authorities or bodies such as Tidy Towns? Who made the decision? Would it be possible to restore the names on both bus stops?

Transport for Ireland responded to say "*the NTA is currently undertaking a review of bus stop names along phase 6a of the BusConnects Network Redesign, to ensure that bus stop names are the most appropriate for the locations they serve. Your feedback will be taken into consideration as part of this review".*

If other villagers would like their views to be heard email: ***info@nationaltransport.ie***

# holy week & easter

## ST. ANNE'S PARISH

**Wednesday 16th April - 10.00am *(Spy Wednesday)***
Mass

**Thursday 17th April *(Holy Thursday)***
7.30pm - Mass of the Lords Supper
8.30pm - 10.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *(in the Church)*

**Friday 18th April *(Good Friday)***
12.00 Noon - The Way of The Cross
*(led by The Young People)*
3.00pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Holy Communion
7.30pm - Prayer around the Cross

**Saturday 19th April *(Holy Saturday)***
10.00 - 12.00 - Confession
9.00pm - EASTER VIGIL

**Sunday 20th April *(Easter Sunday)***
10.00am, 12.00 Noon, 6.00pm - Mass

**Tuesday 22nd April to Thursday 24th April**
*(Easter Week)*
10.00am - Mass

## CRINKEN CHURCH

**Thursday 17th April** - 10:30am (Holy Communion)

**Friday 18th April** - 7:30pm (Good Friday Service)

**Sunday 20th April (Easter Sunday)**
9.30am (Easter Sunday Holy Communion)
10:30am (Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion)

## RATHMICHAEL PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 13th April - 11.00am *(Palm Sunday)***
Morning Service to celebrate Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

**Tuesday 15th April - 8.00pm**
Service of Wholeness and Healing

**Wednesday 16th April - 8.00pm**
Service of Contemplation for Holy Week

**Thursday 17th April - 8.00pm *(Maundy)***
Service of Holy Communion to mark the Institution of the Lord's Supper

**Friday 18th March - 8.00pm *(Good Friday)***
Service of Tenebrae as we reflect on the Cross

**Sunday 20th April *(Easter Day )***
Easter Dawn Gathering on Rathmichael Hill *(details to be announced in Church)*
8.30am - Service of Holy Communion
11.00am - Festival Service of the Eucharist for Easter

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- Bread wrappers
- Fruit/veg and salad wraps and bags
- Kitchen/ toilet roll outer wrap
- Breakfast cereal bags
- Plastic shopping/carrier bags
- Dried fruit/seed and nut bags
- Frozen food bags
- Pasta/rice/noodle bags
- Cheese packs - outer wrappers
- Baked goods/Confectionary outer wrappers
- Crisp/cracker wrappers
- Bubble wrap
- Electrical item/white goods/appliances bags/wrap
- Mattress / pillow wrap
- Wet wipes outer wrap
- Detergent/dishwasher bags
- Garden compost / bark bags

**Why are soft plastics now allowed to be placed in your recycling bin?**

There are two reasons: Improvements to facilities along with Emergence of new markets for them. In Ireland we collect all recyclables in the same bin and the sorting of all these materials take place at a recycling facility. Irish recycling plants are upgrading their mechanised sorting facilities to allow for more sorting of plastic. Until 2020 Irish recycling facilities could only process rigid plastics. Most plastics collected in Ireland are exported for recycling. Over the past year a number of new markets specifically handling soft plastics have emerged and Irish plastic can now be exported to these facilities for recycling. If it cannot currently be recycled it will be sent as Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) to replace fossil fuels at cement kilns.

Rigid plastic items **CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE**. Please continue to Recycle in the Green Bin.

- All pots, tubs and trays
- Water/juice Bottles
- Milk/cream Bottles
- Sauce/dressing Bottles
- Meat / veg / bread trays
- Butter/margarine / ice-cream tubs
- Yogurt pots
- Salad/fruit bowls
- Chocolate/biscuit trays
- Bottle/jar lids
- Take-away plastic containers
- Shampoo / liquid soap and gel bottles
- Make-up/toiletry tubs and mouth wash bottles
- Detergent/household cleaning bottles
- Plastic plant pots

## Citizens Information

**Recycling** turns our waste materials into new useful products or back into the same thing again – glass bottles & jars are a great example as they are infinitely recyclable. This reduces the use of finite raw materials, saves energy and helps control air, water and land pollution. Recycling is a group effort. We all have our part to play to not only recycle as much waste as possible but to also make sure our recycling is properly sorted. Recycling that includes non-recyclable items or is contaminated with food waste can end up in landfill. It only takes a few minutes to rinse out plastic, glass and tin containers and sort our cardboard, this is a simple climate action we can all take. Currently Ireland recycles approximately 30% of all plastics in use in the country. Recycling targets for packaging are very challenging, by 2025 the target set by the EU is to recycle 50% of all plastic and by 2030 55%. All of us play a part in helping Ireland achieve the EU and national targets. We can all play our part by ensuring all soft plastic is now placed in the recycling bin clean, dry and loose.

*(Source: www.citizensinformation.ie)*

*The Citizens Information HELPLINE is:s 0818 07 4000- OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. OR Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0818 07 7400.*

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# CLG na Seanchille

**Shankill Globe Trotters**
As the new season began it soon became obvious the number of new faces on our lady's adult team. So, what is the story? Well, the answer appears to be buried in our Irish DNA with a desire to travel and study abroad. Shankill GAA is now something of an "international" club with both our girls and boy players involved with teams in Australia, New Zealand, UK, Dubai, France, Netherlands, and Switzerland, not to mention "Cupid" enticing players to new horizons. To fill the gaps as we wait for the return of players to our lady's team, up stepped our minor and under 16 players, and what a job they are doing. Well done everybody. There is a place for you in Shankill GAA Club we field teams for boys and girls from under 7 years to adult. There is a warm friendly welcome awaiting new players to any of our teams. Call our GPO Steve by text or phone 087 6414123 or contact any club member.

**Academy**
Great to have Sian from under 14 team visit the Academy. Sian and Lucy graduated from our academy in 2015 and are now part of the Dublin under 14 ladies team. The Academy for boys and girls 4 to 6 years is on in Stonebridge Road at 10.00am to 11.00am every Saturday. Just pop in and give it a try.

**Shankill & Ballybrack First Responders**
Thank you to Catherine for organising the CPR training night in Scoil Mhuire for some of our members. Note there is an AED located on the club house wall in Stonebridge Road which is available for public use should an emergency arise.

## Club Lotto Scan the QR Code

**Club Lotto**
**The club Lotto funds are used to provide more and better facilities for our players and members in Stonebridge Road. The Lotto helped to build the new Skills wall and astro surface which is getting tremendous use. We have many new projects and plans which will all need finance. To play the lotto simply scan the QR code**

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# SHANKILL FC
## Part of Our Community

Congratulations to Hayden Clancy from our U14.2 girls team, who has been offered a place on the DLR Waves Training & Development programme after a series of successful trials. All her teammates, her coaches and all at Shankill FC wish Hayden the best of luck.

Congratulations to Alfie Galligan who came second in the All-Ireland Gymnastics Competition. We are so proud of you. From all your team and the club.

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# Shankill Bowling Club

*by Jack Byrne P.R.O.*

Our club on Quinn's road usually attracts new members, both male and female, in the months of March, April and May. These are people who show a willingness to keep fit and who like to socialise. They are mostly in the age bracket of the late 40s to the mid 70s and beyond. However, a younger age group is now increasingly showing an interest in the very relaxing sport of Bowling. This could be due to the televised coverage of, for example, the world indoor championship bowling at the Potters resort in Hopton on Sea, UK.

We are hoping to get a steady stream of interested people to join us at Shankill Bowling Club on Quinns Road. Presently we hold a membership of just over 120 people and we have room for more to play and enjoy this ever-growing popular sport.

We are not just a club for top bowlers although we have a fair share of them. Shankill is a club with a good social bowling system where every member is made to feel at home on or off the rinks. There are fun social evenings based around bowling for all who wish to engage. There are at least two or three organised Roll Ups per week, again with no pressure on members to participate. A good coaching system is being introduced at the moment for potential new members, with fully organized practice days. So, lots to do around bowling and refreshments and most importantly the use of an indoor state of the art bowling facility.

This season, following the amalgamation of both national bodies, we have introduced a bowling committee, elected by the members, to organize all bowling matters within Shankill Bowling Club. The committee consists of a Club Captain, Committee and Competition Secretaries. We wish all the members responsible a smooth inaugural year.

Members celebrated St. Patrick's Day early - Sunday 9th of March - with a bowling roll up followed by food and refreshments. This was to accommodate members who couldn't attend on the actual day. Members are now looking forward to the summer team lists going up on the club notice board and I'm sure all SCAN readers wish the club well in their upcoming endeavours in their 31st year as a bowling club.

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Ina dhiaidh sin, chuamar chuig an óstán le haghaidh an fáiltiú dí. Céard a chonaic mé ann ach deirfiúr na brídeoige ag caitheamh an ghúna chéanna liom féin! Bhí uafás orm. Céard a dhéanfainn? Chas mé thart, amach an doras liom agus isteach sa chéad siopa éadaigh a chonaic mé, chun gúna nua a cheannacht.

Nuair a tháinig mé ar ais chuig an óstán, chuir mé an gúna orm. Ní fhéadfainn an zip a dhúnadh. Cad a dhéanfainn? Táim cinnte gur lig mé cúpla eascaine asam. Ansin bhí smaoineamh maith agam. Bheartaigh mé go bhfágfainn an gúna orm agus mo chóta a chaitheamh thar mo ghuaillí. Agus b'shin a rinne mé. Bhuel, nuair a d'fhill mé ar ais go dtí an fáiltiú dí, shín mé mo lámh trasna go tobann chun tréaslú le mo nia, nuair a thit mo chóta díom.

Ní raibh an oiread sin náire orm ariamh!

**Na Gluaiseanna Gaeilge agus Béarla:** ***Uafás na n-uafás!*** / Horror of horrors; ***Nia*** / mac dearthár nó deirféar; ***an fáiltiú dí*** / the drinks reception; ***brídeog*** / bean ar lá a pósta; ***eascaine*** / mallacht, mionn mór, droch-chaint; ***b'shin*** nó ba shin / that was; ***tréaslaigh le*** nó comhghairdeas a dhéanamh le; ***Ní raibh an oiread sin náire orm ariamh!*** / I have never been so embarrassed.

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***I have a pension, but I am not sure what my annual statement is telling me. I don't know if I should be contributing more or if I am invested in the right funds, what should I do?***

While many of us have ticked the box of setting up a pension, how many of us truly understand its performance and potential? Just having a pension isn't the endgame; ensuring it's working hard enough for you and knowing it will give you the lifestyle you want in retirement is. It's important to be realistic about the retirement you want and if your current pension contributions will get you there.

At least once a year you service your car, go to the dentist, even, declutter the house. But do you review your pension each year to see how it is performing or if your contributions will be enough for your future in retirement?

Many people start a pension and forget about it, but it's important to think about how much you are paying into your pension, how the fund is performing and what the investment returns are. It is a good idea to get some expert advice to ensure it's working hard enough for you.

Having a pension is all about providing enough money to live off in retirement. But what happens if you realise your pension contributions won't deliver the lifestyle you want at retirement? Topping up essentially means increasing your pension contributions or making a lump-sum contribution to help you reach your retirement goals.

One of the major advantages of pension contributions is their tax efficiency. In contrast to a standard savings account, eligible contributions to a pension plan can benefit from tax relief.
And while starting early is preferable, it's never too late to start or top-up your pension. In fact, the older you get, the more you can put in, as there are different contribution limits for tax relief for older people. For example, someone aged 34 could put 20% of their annual income into their pension and save tax. But if aged over 50, the limit rises to 30%. It rises again to 40% if over 60.
Another advantage is that you can backdate your contributions to avail of tax relief for the previous year. This feature becomes especially valuable as people approach the tax deadline.

A yearly review of your pension strategy is necessary to ensure it aligns with your future financial goals. Regular reviews will help you see if you need to top-up and allow you to consider whether it may be beneficial to switch providers to get better investment performance from your pension.
A chat with your local financial advisor should provide the clarification and reassurance needed with any of your pension related queries.

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We're up and running for 2025. We started the year with a lovely Mass in St. Anne's Church highlighting the achievements of the many Shankill children who took part in Community Games in 2024. A huge Thank You to Fr. Mike for inviting us to be the 1st Voluntary group of Shankill to be showcased.

Our 1st event for 2025 was Chess, we had three teams taking part in the Dublin Competition in Ballyroan and yielded 1 Bronze and 2 Silver medals. We followed on with 2 Teams in Boys Futsal (a seven a side fast pace indoor Soccery kinda game) and won Gold in Both Age groups U13 and U15 's. So a very successful start indeed and good fun was had at both events.

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# Local History Society Lectures

*by James Scannell*

**Mount Merrion Historical Society**
Rob Goodbody will present ***'Martello Towers'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 3rd in The Fitzwilliam Rooms, Mount Merrion Community Centre, Mount Merrion, Co. Dublin. Admission is €4/Students €2.

**Kilmacud-Stillorgan Local History Society**
Sam McGrath will present ***'Kilmacud's Revolutionary Residents: Exploring the Military Service Pensions Collection (1916-1923)'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 10th in St. Lawrence's Parish Centre, Lower Kilmacud Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin. Members are free – visitors €3. Please note that there is a car parking charge of €1 per hour at this venue – coin payment only.

**Rathmines, Ranelagh & Rathgar Historical Society**
Margaret Burke will present ***'A History of the Inchicore Railway Works'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 10th in Rathmines Town Hall, Rathmines Road, Dublin 6. Members are free / visitors €5 – The Swan Car Park Evening Rate is €4 from 7 p.m. to Midnight

**Medal Society of Ireland**
A ***'Medals, Militaria and Collectables Fair'*** will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday April 12th in the Knox Memorial Hall, Monkstown Village, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - Admission is €2 for members and €4 for non-members.

**The Blackrock Society**
Niall Hatch will present ***'Ireland's Garden Birds'*** at 8 p.m. on Monday April 14th in Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, 32 Belgrave Square, Monkstown, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is £5 for non-members.

**Foxrock Local History Club**
Carmel Kelly will present the Short Talk on ***'Wicklow Gaol'*** and Philip Lecane the Long Talk on ***'A Forgotten Irish Author: Cornelius Ryan, author of The Longest Day and A Bridge Too Far'*** at 8 p.m. on Tuesday April 15th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

**Greystones Archaeological & Historical Society**
John Mcloughlin will present ***'Trees and Woodland Names in Irish Placenames'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday April 16th in the Kilian House Family Centre beside Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – small admission charge.

**Dun Laoghaire Borough Historical Society**
The AGM will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday April 16th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, and will be followed by a ***'Treasure Night.'*** Admission to the Treasure Night is €5. Free hotel parking is available to those attending this lecture.

**Bray Cualann Historical Society**
Joseph E. A. Connell, Jnr. will present ***'The making of the Irish Free State'*** at 8 p.m. on Thursday April 17th in The Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission is €8 for non-members.

**Ballsbridge, Donnybrook and Sandymount Historical Society**
Joseph E. A. Connell, Jnr. will present ***'The transition from the 'Decade of Centenaries' to the first years of the new Irish Free State'*** at 1 p.m. on Wednesday April 23rd in Pembroke Library, Anglesea Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. All are welcome – admission is free but booking required – call 01-2228450 or email: pembrokelibrary@dublincity.ie.

**The Irish Railway Record Society**
John O'Brien will present ***'My career with Iarnród Éireann'*** at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday April 24th in the Society's Dublin Heuston Station premises. Strictly members and their guests only.

## Shankill – Looking Back

**From Woodbrook Halt to Woodbrook Station**
The new Woodbrook Station, several hundred metres north of Woodbrook Halt, will be opened for public use in 2026. (See Cormac Devlin TD's article in April SCAN). In February 1910 the first Woodbrook Halt, east of the current one, was opened on the Westland Row (Dublin Pearse) to Bray line to serve the Woodbrook cricket grounds and opera house but did not connect with the parallel separate Dublin Harcourt Street to Bray line so passengers using this line had to travel to Bray and then change to a Bray to Westland Row train if they wished to alight at Woodbrook Halt. In 1915 Woodbrook Halt was relocated to its current site as part of the Shanganagh Deviation work which resulted in the construction of the line currently connecting Killiney with Bray, and served both routes. Woodbrook Halt served Woodbrook Golf Club from 1920-1960 with trains stopping on request to enable golfers to alight or board. Closed in 1960, trains still called at it when Woodbrook Golf Club hosted major golf tournaments. Traces of the original platforms at Woodbrook Halt are still visible from passing trains.

## Publications

Articles featured in the latest issue of this excellent publication include – 'From the Editor - Living memory' by Tommy Graham; 'Methodist responses to the Great Hunger' by Danny Ó Seachnasaigh; 'St. Vincent's Church and the Vincentians in Cork' by Antóin O'Callaghan; 'My enemy's enemy.... the 1861 Trent Affair in The Nation' by Charles Tyner; 'On arrive! – The Irish in the Franco-Prussian War' by Isadore Ryan; 'I did the work I was fit for' - Seán O'Faolain's pension application' by John Grant; 'Lilian Lancasters's folkloric portraits of the Irishman and St. Patrick' by Kieran Rankin; 'The general and his drivers – Eoin O'Duffy's chauffeurs' by Jack Traynor; 'Éamon de Valera, the Irish diaspora and wartime hate mail' by Tim Ellis-Dale; 'The Labour government, the Army and the crisis of the British state over Northern Ireland, 1972-6' by Paul Dixon.

Regular features include 'Bite-Sized History' by Donal Fallon, 'Gems of Architecture' by Damien Murphy, 'Kindred Lines' by Fiona Fitzsimons, 'Artefacts' by Lar Joye, 'IFI Film Eye' by Anna Rose Garvey, 'Local Archives' by Patricia Fallon, and '100 Years Ago' by Joseph E. A. Connell, Jr.

Copies of this excellent magazine are available from newsagents but a good way never to miss an issue is to take out a subscription - call 01-2933568 or email: ***carol@wordwell.ie.***

# *Rathmichael Historical Society*

*by Richard Ryan*

The penultimate lecture of the current series took place in Rathmichael School on Wednesday, 5th March on the topic of the Irish colleges on the Continent which were set up during the Penal Laws to educate Irishmen for the priesthood. In a wide-ranging talk, Thomas O'Connor described the large number of establishments in different European countries which met this need. Many of these were quite small and could hardly be described as colleges, while others, such as Paris, Salamanca and Louvain (Leuven) were significant institutions.

The final lecture in the series is entitled Earley Studies in Stained Glass and will be delivered by Michael Earley in Rathmichael School at 8pm on Wednesday, 2nd April. He will describe the industry set up by his family in Dublin in the second half of the 18th century.

The Society's focus will then switch to outdoor activities, starting with a guided tour of Dublin's medieval churches, led by Stuart Kinsella on Saturday, 22nd March. This year instead of the usual away weekend to one location, we are going to have four trips on four dates in May to the Boyne area to explore its history, archaeology and mythology:

- Sunday, 4th May: Tara with Edel Bhreathnach.
- Thursday, 8th May: Monasterboice and Mellifont with Roger Stalley.
- Saturday, 17th May: Loughcrew and Fourknocks with Anthony Murphy.
- Sunday, 18th May: Bective and Beaubec with Geraldine and Matthew Stout.

The Summer Lecture Series from 11th to 15th August will be on The Boyne and its Environs and will complement the May outings programme.

Other outings and trips are being organized. Do consider joining the Society if you would like to fully participate in these exciting activities (outings and trips are members-only).

Further information on our website:
***www.rathmichaelhistoricalsociety.ie***

# Shankill & Ballybrack

**Community First Responders**

*Registered Charity Number: 20200526*

During February, our dedicated volunteers responded to 24 emergency calls, assisting individuals in need in the local areas we live in.

**New AED Installed at Woodbrook Development**
We are pleased to announce the installation of a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) at Woodbrook Development (EIR A98A0P0). This life-saving device is now accessible to the community, providing critical assistance in cases of sudden cardiac arrest. We encourage all residents to familiarize themselves with its location and the importance of AEDs in emergency situations.

**February Public Training Success**
Community education remains at the heart of our mission. Throughout February, we conducted public training sessions across various institutes, training a total of 53 individuals in CPR, AED usage, and essential first aid skills. We are grateful for the enthusiastic participation and commitment of all attendees in learning how to save lives.

**Upcoming Public Training Event – April 10, 2025**
For those looking to enhance their life-saving skills, our next public training event will take place on April 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM at St. Anne's Resource Centre. This is a fantastic opportunity for community members to learn vital CPR and first aid skills under the guidance of our experienced trainers.
To book your place, visit the news section of our website www.shankillcfr.ie, where you'll find the registration link. Spaces are limited, so be sure to sign up early!

For the latest updates, visit our ***website www.shankillcfr.ie***; follow us on Facebook "Shankill & Ballybrack CFR," and/or our Instagram ***@shankillballybrackcfr***. For any inquiries, please send an email to ***info@shankillcfr.ie***.


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# Shankill Classical Music Club

**A GAME OF TWO HALVES**

The March meeting was a hybrid. In the first half, chosen and presented by Maud Kieran, there was a strong emphasis on the voice. Some of the music was mainstream classical, some had more of a crossover flavour. But a common factor was wonderful singers, each utterly distinctive.

The evening was launched by the unmistakable voice of soprano Maria Callas, in an aria from I puritani, the last opera (1835) in the short life of Vincenzo Bellini. The Irish soprano Suzanne Murphy – famously proud of her Limerick roots - gave us her trademark anthem There is an Isle. The tenors trade union put forward José Cura, in an aria from Puccini's Manon Lescaut and Juan Diego Florez in the evergreen Granada. And from baritone Thomas Hampson, also no stranger to opera, we had a couple of lighter pieces. The second one, Paris, led seamlessly to the very voice of that city in the person of Edith Piaf, heard here also in two songs, recorded fairly early in her troubled career.

Orchestral and solo instrumental pieces included a couple of minutes from the first movement, by turns forceful and lyrical, of the Elgar cello concerto, in the legendary 1965 recording by Jacqueline du Pré with John Barbirolli conducting. The slow movement of Chopin's E major piano concerto was unalloyed calm (with Claudio Arrau as soloist), as also was a short encore piece by the Chinese-origin piano superstar Lang Lang. And there were other multinational flavours - Irish violinist Fionnuala Hunt, with the RTE Concert orchestra, in the famous tango (Argentina!) Jalousie, composed by the Dane Jacob Gade.

The second half was a further selection from the long lists of suggestions submitted a month or two ago by members. It started with the prelude to the first of the suites for solo cello of J S Bach. Put that way, it sounds austere, but this short and apparently simple piece is memorable for the depths of emotion that are conjured from a few bare notes and scales. The recording was the historic 1930s one by Pablo Casals.

A second German piece, the amiable third movement of Brahms's third symphony, was followed by two French tracks: one of the enigmatically titled Gymnopédies (a word whose origin is disputed, signifying nude dance, since you ask!) by the appropriately eccentric Erik Satie (in an orchestral version), and a virtuoso violin-and-orchestra piece by Camille Saint-Saëns, the Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso.

Some of us remember the swelling tune (the wind in the sails, maybe?) that served as theme music for the 1970s BBC maritime drama series The Onedin Line. We heard it here in its full original form, an adagio movement from the ballet Spartacus by the Soviet-Armenian composer Aram Khachaturian.

And finally, a polonaise for piano by Chopin – one of his best-known, the A major, the so-called Military - brought the evening to a stomping end.

*The next meetings will be on **Wed 09 April and Wed 14 May.** Usual time and place: 7:45 in Shankill Day Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further info please ring or text John O'Hagan (087-210 9175).*

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# Shankill TidyTowns — Glanbhaile Seanchill

## Spring into Action with Shankill TidyTowns

As April arrives and the weather improves, Shankill truly blossoms. Shankill TidyTowns have been working in the Village and throughout the community to ensure that our flower beds and planters are ready for summer. March saw the presentation of the Gold Medal won last year while April will see the resumption of our Community Walks programme with an interesting stroll through Shankill. On Saturday 27th, we will join in the National Spring Clean. Please come and join us.

**Let's clean-up together to win gold again in 2025**

## Springtime in Shankill Village

Shankill TidyTowns volunteers have been busy tidying the flower beds in the Village.

## Shankill Receive 2024 Gold Medal

At the *SuperValuTidyTowns* Midlands & East regional awards ceremony in Athlone, Shankill were presented with a gold medal and certificate by Minister for State, Kevin "Boxer" Moran.

## April in Shankill

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*Saturday 27th April 2025*

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## Community Walks 2025

**Some Details of Shankill**

Community Walks with Rob Goodbody will start from **St Anne's Church** at **11am Easter Monday** 21st April 2025 with a stroll through Shankill Village, visiting locations that may not usually be noticed...

## Abundant Shankill

Shankill TidyTowns volunteers assist in planting small plots like these on Corbawn Lane and Quinn's Road.

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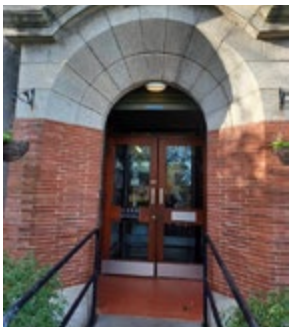

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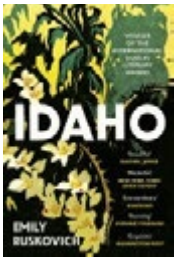


▶ Our First Tuesday Evening Book Club meets on ***Tues 1st April at 6pm*** to discuss ***"Idaho"*** by Emily Ruskovich.

Our First Friday Book Club meets on ***Friday 11th April at 11am*** to discuss ***"If Beale Street Could Talk"*** by James Baldwin. ◀

▶ **CLASSIC IRISH BOOK CLUB**
This Book club meets on Thursday 10th April at 7pm to discuss ***"The Picture of Dorian Gray"*** by Oscar Wilde.

**JUNIOR BOOK CLUB**
he Junior Book Club will be held on ***25th March (the last Tuesday of every month) from 3:15pm - 4pm.*** Suitable for children from 9 - 12 years of age. We will be discussing ***"The London Eye Mystery"*** by Siobhán Dowd.

**TEEN CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**
We are hosting a "Teen Creative Writing" workshop on Tuesday 8th April with author Claire Hennessy at 5.45pm – 7.45pm. It is suitable for age 14 -17 years. Places are limited. If interested e-mail: shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie or Tel: 01 2047224.

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Join Kim Jenkinson for this children's art workshop. We will be making colourful Easter bunting to take home, cutting and folding decorative papers to create Easter Bunnies and chicks, and embellishing with ribbons and beads.

Wednesday, 16 April 2025,
3.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Age: 4 – 8 years.
To book, email: ***shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie*** or Tel: 01 2047224.

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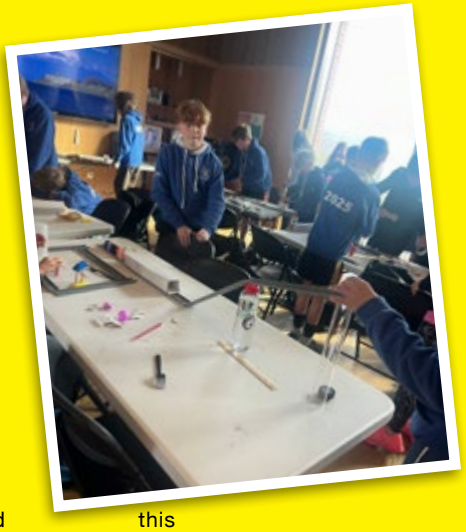
# School News in scan

## Rathmichael National School



This time of the year is busy in school with a number of activities taking place. 11th February was Safer Internet Day and the children took part in related quizzes, PowerPoint lessons, art items and Kahoot. The theme of the Day was Prepare, Protect and Thrive. They worked on important topics such as bullying, internet usage and staying safe online.

Well done to all the 5th Class boys who represented the school at the Olympic Handball Dublin County Championships on 12th February. They played with great spirit and determination, working together and supporting each other. This was their first foray into the Handball Championships and we are very proud of them.

On 5th March, 6th Class pupils attended a workshop in the Lexicon Library on Newton's Laws. The children all enjoyed this computer and construction workshop in which they used practical experiments to learn about action and reaction.

On 6th March the children (and staff) celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite book characters. There were some amazing outfits on show. The children all received World Book Day vouchers and created themed artwork with the best pictures winning prizes. In conjunction with this, we had a visit from Una Heaton, artist and writer, who came into school to share her story of writing and illustrating her children's book – "The Craggie Clan – Guardians of the Burren".

Her grandchildren (who are Rathmichael pupils) feature in the book which made it extra special. The children were fascinated by the story and asked a number of very interesting questions. Mrs Heaton gave copies of her book as a prize for the best questions and also donated a copy to our Library.

A team of four of our 4th Class pupils competed in the Schools' Awesome Walls Climbing Competition on 6th March – Isla, Sophia, Reuben and Ewan. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and qualified for the finals in May – many congratulations. A number of our pupils represented Shankill in the Community Games Dublin Chess Finals on Friday 7th March, in the Under 16, Under 13 and Under 11 age groups. Although the teams did not progress, they acquitted themselves extremely well. It was a great experience for them.

Our Girls' Hockey team played an exciting 3-3 match against GKNS on 24th February while the Boys' teams played Taney N.S on 4th March and won one game and lost the other in a very tight finish. Well done to Sienna, Alanna, Melissa and Evelyn who recently undertook the Junior Grade 3 Ballet Exam with the Catherine Casey School of Ballet. All of them got distinctions/highly commended results.

Many thanks to the PTA for organising our recent Table Quiz for parents. It was a wonderful night of friendly (?) competition with amazing raffle prizes also. Thanks to everyone who took part and who supplied the items for the raffle. And there is more to come before we head for the Easter break – we will be raising money for Fields of Life with an Odd Socks/Crazy Hair Day on 11th April.

**Naomi Rousseau** *(Principal)*

# *Update from...*

## Cormac Devlin TD

It has been a busy few weeks in the Dáil where I contributed to debates on disability services, Ukraine, justice & policing, and affordable housing.

Locally, it was wonderful to join everyone at Scoil Mhuire in March to thank Brian Mason for his trojan efforts to raise funds for the school and St. Joseph's Shankill with his Christmas Day swim, which was supported by John Brady and Emma from Brady's of Shankill.

**NEW E-SPINE BUS SERVICES**
Thank you to everyone who was in contact with feedback on the new E1 bus service. I met with Hugh Creegan, the acting CEO of the National Transport Authority (NTA) to raise the issues around the rollout of the new service.

The NTA is working closely with Dublin Bus to fix the issues and many have been resolved. Please keep in touch if you have any feedback and I will raise it with the NTA.

I also requested an update on Woodbrook DART station. Works are well underway and it is expected it will open in 2026. I will circulate more information when it becomes available.

**COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MCGRATH**
I met with Michael McGrath, the new EU Commissioner for Democracy, Justice, the Rule of Law and Consumer Protection at the European Commission building in Brussels in March. We discussed a range of issues impacting people in Dublin and the wider challenges facing the EU.

Commissioner McGrath is acutely aware of the need to ease red tape on small to medium-sized businesses (which is an issue that I have been pushing since I was elected to the Dáil), he is also pursuing work on protecting consumers from substandard products from outside the EU.

Given the current international environment, the main focus of the Commission is protecting the European economy, security and defence arrangements, and continuing to deal with the impact of migration.

**SAFER COMMUNITIES**
I recently met with the Garda Chief Superintendent and his staff to highlight issues that constituents have raised with me. I underlined the need to see more Gardaí in our towns, villages and estates.

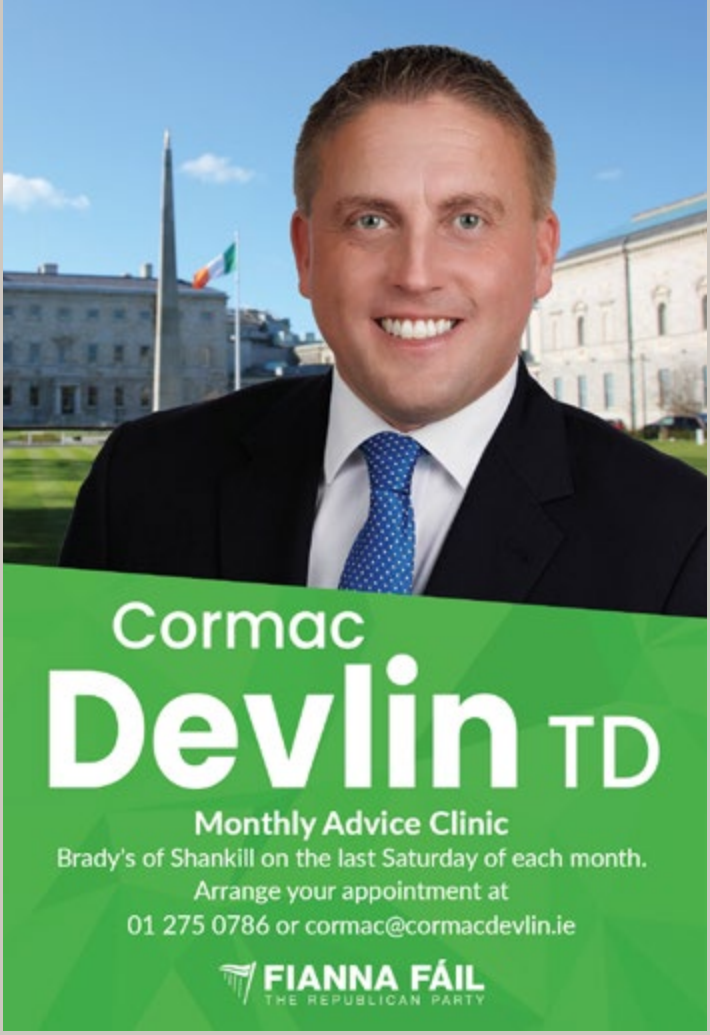
Residents are also reminded to report any suspicious activity to Shankill Garda station or via the 999 number to ensure Gardaí are aware of issues straight away.

**DRAFT OLD CONNAUGHT LOCAL AREA PLAN 2025**
Public consultation on the Draft Old Connaught Local Area Plan 2025 has opened and runs until 17th April 2025, full details can be found at ***https://www.dlrcoco.ie/oldconnaughtlap***

Observations can be sent by email to:
***dlrforwardplanning@dlrcoco.ie.***

**DUBLIN ARRAY OFFSHORE WIND FARM**
The planning application for the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm has been submitted with An Bord Pleanála.
Full details are available at:
***https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/321992***
***https://dublinarray-marineplanning.ie/***

The application includes the development of a wind farm approximately 10 km off the coast, with cables landing in Shankill before proceeding to Carrickmines where they will join the national grid. It is estimated that the wind farm will have the potential to power 700,000 homes.




Residents living in Shanganagh Cliffs, Bayview, Cromlech Fields, Loughlinstown and Cherrywood should review the application as it will directly impact their areas.

**SUPPORTING POST OFFICES & ACCESS TO CASH**
The Government has agreed a new €50m contract with An Post to provide Pension, Child Benefit and other Social Welfare payments to customers at Post Offices across the country. This is an important service for customers, many of whom value the opportunity to receive payments locally and in cash.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**
My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in Brady's of Shankill on the last Saturday of each month, please give me a call on **01 275 0786** or email ***cormac@cormacdevlin.ie*** to arrange an appointment or if I can be of any assistance.

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# School News in scan

## Engineers' Week

As part of Engineers Week there was a huge amount of creativity and imagination throughout the school. The children in Junior and Senior Infants went on a walk in the local community to search for bridges. They spoke about all of the new vocabulary and had lots of fun along the way.

Ms. Kenny's 2nd class talked about sustainable energy and how wind can be used to make electricity. Wind turbines were made from recyclable materials and trialled outdoors by running up and down outside to generate wind to see them move. The class was thrilled with the results.

We had a jam-packed week of projects and exploring the world of STEM during Engineering Week 2025. Different classes engaged in different projects, including building boats, making musical instruments, wind farms, balloon powered cars, Lego structures creating the tallest towers and more. The students showed wonderful creativity and enthusiasm! We definitely have some future Engineers in the making in Scoil Mhuire!

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## Lá Ficheall

On 7th March, Scoil Mhuire hosted a chess tournament. We welcomed a number of schools to Scoil Mhuire where students competed in chess matches throughout the whole day. Everyone had a fantastic day!

## 6th Class visit the Whale Theatre

6th Class took a trip to the Whale Theatre in Greystones to celebrate World Book Day.

## Junior & Senior Infants Nature Walk

As the weather is getting nicer, the infant classes have been enjoying heading out on nature walks. They have explored the local area and some even spotted some familiar houses along the way!

## Brigid brings the Spring!

Senior Infants marked the beginning of spring by doing some paper weaving and weaved some beautiful St Brigid's Cloaks.

## Senior Infants' Green Fingers!

Senior Infants planting for the incredible edible programme. We planted strawberries, potatoes, onions, radish, lettuce, beans, carrots and turnips.

## Senior Infants Siopa Pancóige

Ms. Kinsella's Senior Infants set up a siopa pancóige on Lá na bPancóg. They enjoyed telling the shopkeeper what they would like on their pancakes.

## 4th Class Lexicon

Mr. Quane's 4th class sketching Dun Laoghaire Harbour from the Lexicon with Wicklow artist, Suzy Fortune.

Poetry CORNER

## WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES

*by Mary Oliver*

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness.
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.
I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.
Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, “Stay awhile.”

The light flows from their branches.
And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,
“and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine.”


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QUINN’S ROAD, SHANKILL

# School News in scan

## Sachtain na Gaeilge

*by Caroline Foley and Sophie McLough*

In our school we love to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge.

We do different activities such as speaking more Irish, an Irish parade in the village, a céilí and a ceolcerm where we sing songs such as 'Trasna na dTonnta', 'Peigin Leitir Mor' and 'Beidh Aonach Amarach'. We asked Ms Woods about the importance of celebrating Irish week and she said it is very important to celebrate it because we have to remember our country's history and culture. Our language makes us unique to other countries and we need to commemorate that. People from all over the world love Irish and we have a beautiful language.

## World Book Day

*by Sophie McLoughlin and Caroline Foley*

Last Month we celebrated World Book Day, during Book Week. Everyone dressed up as their favourite book character and got books for the book fair. We talked to Michelle about setting everything up and organizing all the books for different age levels. We also asked her what her favourite costume of the day was. She said it was the Three Little Pigs.

We also interviewed Ms Kelly. As you can imagine, a lot of work went into book day this year, and I'm sure we've got more people reading than ever. A big thanks to all the staff who helped out. We're all looking forward to next year! Books are a very important part of our lives. Some people love to read as much as possible. Books can take us on adventures into other worlds, other timeframes and into different countries. Celebrating World Book Day every year helps us to discover new books in lots of different ways, and to swap books we have finished with.

Lots of work happens behind the scenes every year, to get ready for World Book Day. We collect books that people have finished with in the classrooms, before they are all sorted into age categories in the hall. Sometimes we get lots of junior books, and not so many books for older pupils. We organise lots of competitions every year, so we have to get lots of prizes for all our winners. We are very grateful for everyone who dresses up as their favourite characters, donates all the books and enters all the competitions.

## 5th Class Trip to the Garda Station

*by Rohan Carey and Laura Clinch*

On the 3rd of March Ms Kelly's 5th class went to Shankill Garda station. Garda Denise and Garda Edwina showed us around. We saw the cells, the interview rooms, the radio room and the armory room. It was a great experience and we learnt so much.

## PTA Quiz

Our PTA held a quiz at the end of February to raise money for our school. There was an amazing turn out and it was a sell out event. We want to thank the PTA for organising this and everyone who attended.

See can you answer some of the questions that were asked:

1) What does Shankill (Sean-chill) translate to in English?
2) Ireland won 4 gold medals in the 2024 olympics. Can you name the athletes who won them?
3) What is the nickname of dart player Luke Littler?
4) Where would you find the Blue Stack mountains?

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# Ask a Councillor

## Cllr. Carrie Smyth

**AREA TO REAR OF CASTLE ALLOTMENTS, QUINN'S ROAD, SHANKILL**

I received the following update from the Parks Department on the installation of the new mound in the above location:

*"I attach two plans which show the overall layout and a detail of the play element that we are implementing to the recently formed mound.*

*On the tree planting to the mound, we will make sure the larger tree species are planted towards the back of the mound so that there will be no overshadowing of the allotments in the future.*

*There is a community volunteer tree planting day on the 1st March at 10am. The residents have confirmed they will attend and we are seeking interest from the allotment community and tennis club.*

*We would hope to have all these works complete by May 2025."*

If you would like a copy of plans, which are mentioned above please contact Carrie at carriesmyth@cllr.dlrcoco.ie or 086 3835051 for a copy.

**SHANGANAGH CASTLE DEVELOPMENT - REMAINING UNITS**

***Social:*** The social elements of the Shanganagh Castle development, remaining to be completed are due to be delivered as follows;

- Phase 2 - 104 Units (47 x 1 Bed Apartment, 42 x 2 Bed Apartment & 15 x 3 Bed Apartment) – April 2025
- Phase 3 - 61 Units (26 x 1 Bed Apartment, 30 x 2 Bed Apartment & 5 x 3 Bed Apartment) – September 2025

Once the completion date and property details are confirmed, the units will be advertised on the Choice Based Letting (CBL) system and the process of allocation will be progressed, as per the Allocations Scheme.

***Affordable and Cost Rental:*** The Affordable elements are expected to be delivered as follows:

- Phase 2 - Affordable Purchase - 40 Apartments (10 x 1 Bed Apartment & 30 x 2 Bed Apartment) - Q2/Q3 2025
- Phase 2 - Cost Rental - 111 Apartments (10 x Studio, 26 x 1 Bed Apartment, 62 x 2 Bed Apartment & 13 x 3 Bed Apartment) - Q3 2025

**PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY - SIGNAGE - QUINN'S ROAD**

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive when the signage stating pedestrian priority on the part of Quinn's Road from the pedestrian entrance to Corbawn Drive to the pedestrian entrance to Shanganagh Park/Beach will be installed, which was stated in a reply to a question in March 2023?

***Reply:*** The relevant signage will be installed once the works along the access road have been completed. The expected completion date of the works is the end of Qtr. 2 2025.

**BUILDINGS - SHANGANAGH CASTLE**

***Motion:*** That the Chief Executive begin exploring the future use of the buildings that formed Shanganagh Castle, Shankill now Shanganagh Castle Development is nearing completion and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Housing has decided that the property is no longer under consideration for use under the refurbishment programme.

***Report:*** Under the Shanganagh Parks Masterplan, there is potential to progress Building C (former classroom/sports-hall) for Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities.

There is also potential under the Masterplan for Parks to take in a portion of open space within the Castle domain into the adjoining existing Shanganagh Park. The open space is currently being maintained by Parks and the buildings therein are being maintained by Property Management. The Status of Shanganagh Park Masterplan - Phase 1 Parks Capital Project remains at Design Stage as Judicial Review is delaying the works.

The Castle House is a Protected Structure, and the adjoining buildings are consequently within the curtilage of a Protected Structure. No decisions on future uses of Building A (Castle House) and Building B (former dormitory block) have been made to date. However, both have been subject to architectural conservation assessment and internal works have taken place to the Castle House to shore up the floors and address water ingress from the roof and prevent further damage to the interior of the building.

The restoration of both buildings is going to require significant expenditure and while funding has been set aside for restorative roof works to the Castle, future potential usage and funding for other works has not been identified to date.
For the past six months, the hard-core area to the front of the castle house has been utilized by Walls to store building materials for the adjoining housing site, allowing works on the Shanganagh Castle Estate to be completed within agreed timeframes and budgets. Walls have now completed the removal of the temporary storage area, and the reinstatement works on the castle grounds have been completed.

The Council intends to proceed with seeking expert advice for how the Castle building and dormitory wing could best be utilized, including funding sources and partnership for their redevelopment and restoration.

St Joseph's

# Hair Raising!!

St John of God Dementia Care

In the heart of Crinken Glen, two remarkable 10-year-olds, John Power and Esmée Walsh, are making waves with their extraordinary fundraising efforts. Last year, these young philanthropists raised over €2000 from a cake sale for LauraLynn, showcasing their dedication and compassion to a cause close to their hearts. This year, they have decided to take their charitable endeavours with a more personal impact.

John and Esmée, both 4th class students in Ms. Elmes' class at St. Anne's Primary School, have chosen to cut their flowing locks for charity. Their decision to support St. Joseph's Shankill and LauraLynn reflects their deep commitment to making a difference in their community. The hair they have lovingly grown for several years will be donated to the Little Princess Trust, an organisation that creates wigs for children who have lost their hair due to illness.

The big haircut event took place last Friday, and the excitement was palpable throughout the neighbourhood. Their selfless act not only raises funds but also spreads awareness about the causes they support. John and Esmée's story is a testament to the power of kindness and the impact that even the youngest members of our community can have.

To support their fundraising efforts, you can visit their GoFundMe see QR code below. Let's come together to celebrate and support these inspiring young heroes as they continue to make a difference, one lock at a time.

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Esmee, Anne, John and Thindi at St Joseph's

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St John of God Dementia Care

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# Ask a Councillor

## Cllr. Jim Gildea

### ROAD SAFETY ON CRINKEN LANE

***Motion:*** That the Chief Executive takes measures to improve road safety along Crinken Lane, Shankill particularly from its junction with Dublin Road to a point west of the entrance to Crinken Glen estate.

***Report:*** The Traffic Section of the Council will assess the road at the location indicated in the motion. The results of the assessment will serve to inform the nature of any road safety measures that may be required along this stretch of carriageway.

### ROAD AND FOOTPATH SWEEPING FALLS ROAD AREA OF SHANKILL

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive when the footpath and roadway at the Stonebridge Road end of Falls Road and the footpath on Mullinastill Road at the other end of Falls Road will be cleaned? It is noted that both areas are in a dangerous condition due to decaying leaves and the encroachment of vegetation which seriously reduces the width of the paths.

***Reply:*** We have reviewed the sections of footpath in question and can confirm that we will deploy the necessary resources to resolve the issues relating to the available footpath width. We will also engage a contractor to further cut back the hedges along the Falls Road.

### SHANGANAGH PARK EXPANSION

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive if there are long term plans to extend Shanganagh Park by acquiring land to the west of the Bray Road opposite Shanganagh Castle Estate or opposite the park?

***Reply:*** This will be considered in the future if land becomes available for acquiring.

### SHANGANAGH CLIFFS PARK

***Question:*** To ask the Chief Executive if there is any update, including commencement date, on the planned works at Shanganagh Cliffs Park?

***Reply:*** Following Public Consultation in 2022 in relation to the Master Plan for Shanganagh Cliffs Park the following works have taken place:

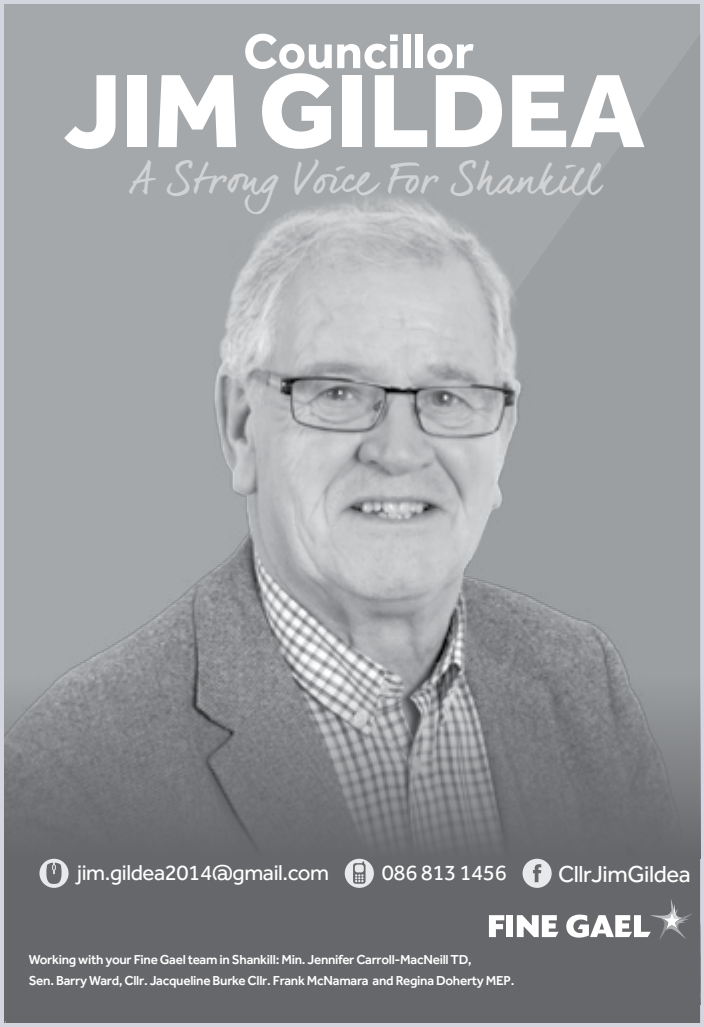
- Installation of Sports Cage in 2024.
- Installation of Footpaths mid-2024.
- Planting of bulbs 2022/23 season.
- Planting of Urban Woodland early 2024.

Ongoing discussions with local Councillors were held in the intervening period along with input into the RWE/Array Project, which is still ongoing from a planning perspective. We will revert to Councillors with an update and works timeline in relation to further Landscape Master Plan works at Shanganagh Cliffs Park in the next few weeks.

### ALTERNATE FACILITIES FOR CLUBS CURRENTLY USING STONEBRIDGE PARK

***Motion:*** That the Chief Executive informs this Committee what facilities will be provided to the clubs currently using Stonebridge Park, Shankill when work commences on resurfacing the pitches there.

***Report:*** Upon commencement of the extensive refurbishment works to take place to the Stonebridge Park pitches, other pitches will be available for the clubs. The likely location of these pitches is Ticknick Park in Cherrywood but this is not fully known yet. We are currently gathering data on pitch usage and this will help to inform the decision. We will liaise with the clubs in advance of the works commencing and inform them of the alternative pitches.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***Note:*** During discussion on this motion, I pointed out to the Parks Superintendent that Ticknick Park is suitable for adults but provision needs to be made locally for underage players who cannot easily access Ticknick Park. He assured the meeting that this will be taken into consideration when they meet the clubs.

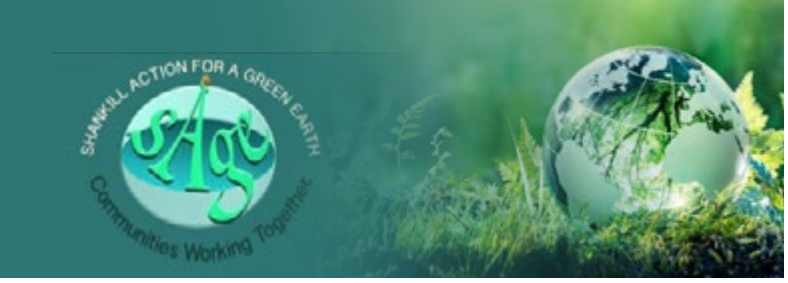
### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FERNDALE ROAD

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has received an application from GMC Utilities group on behalf of Uisce Éireann that proposes to temporarily close Ferndale Road from Thornhill Road junction to Ballybride Road junction from Monday, 7th April 2025 to Friday, 2nd May 2025.
A Traffic Management Plan will be in operation and pedestrian and local access will be maintained at all times. Diversion routes will be clearly signposted. The purpose of the proposed closure is installation of foul connection.

### OPENING OF CAFE AT TULLY PARK, CHERRYWOOD

***Motion:*** That this Committee calls on the Chief Executive to make arrangements to have the already constructed cafe at Tully Park, Cherrywood opened before the end of May 2025.

***Report:*** Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has responsibility for the management of a number of parks and gardens throughout the county, integral to which is the delivery of various café services. A number of these café locations are currently being managed under existing contracts, some of which will be coming to an end in 2025, while others are on sites that are under development and will be ready to go to market in the coming months. Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council are seeking to develop sustainable partnerships with suitably qualified café, restaurant and retail operators who might present themselves through a competitive tender process to be advertised in the near future. Tully Park and Beckett Park will be included in the process. Updates on the procurement process will be issued on ***www.etenders.ie***




**THE UNITED STATES AND BEYOND**

What is happening in the US with respect to Climate Change is terrifying. It seems that any government funded programme which mentions climate change is to be terminated. My granddaughter, about to embark on a PhD working to develop improved root systems to make plants more drought resistant, is worried that the project may never start. For our part here in Europe we must do what we can to ensure that all our politicians are prepared to stand up to what clearly will be great pressure to accommodate the wishes of US corporations expressed through their current government, such as committing to long term use of LNG [Liquified Natural Gas]. The consequences of actions, or lack of action for Climate Justice are not localised, they affect the entire world but particularly those least able to protect themselves.

**What can we do locally?**
On a more local level, we are able to make a difference if we change our habits a bit: The Green-Schools programme have a campaign to stop idling engines, especially when children are around because being shorter than adults they are closer to the exhaust pipes and the pollution they release. I don't think we can do better than reproduce some of the Green Schools material:

Why should we **stop Engine Idling**? Running a car without going anywhere just doesn't make any sense! Here are some reasons why:

**Environment:** When an engine is running, it emits carbon dioxide ($CO_2$), the main greenhouse gas responsible for climate change. By switching off your engine when stopped, you stop these emissions too!

**Health:** Idling makes for worse air quality, which is bad for human health. Young people are at greater risk of the health impacts of air pollution because their lungs are still developing. So much so that there is Ella's Law in the UK which was drawn up in direct response to Ella dying from pollution on the busy street she used to get to school. This also helped to develop the Ultra Low Emission Zones [ULEZs] in UK cities. Exhaust pollution is not trivial, damaging health and in some sensitive individuals, life threatening. Modern car batteries need less engine running time to stay charged.

**Money:** Idling wastes fuel that you're paying for - that just burns a hole in your pocket!

**Safety:** When cars and buses are idling waiting to pick up children, it is harder for students to hear cars that are actually moving, which could be hidden behind the idling cars.

**MYTH AND FACT**

1) Emissions from idling and driving are the same.
**FACT:** Idling creates worse emissions than driving. When a car is driving, the engine heats up higher and faster and the catalytic converter becomes more efficient at reducing emissions.

2) Starting a vehicle uses more fuel than letting the vehicle idle.
**FACT:**More than 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the engine, thanks to fuel-injection systems.

3) **Engines should be warmed-up** before driving - letting a car idle on a cold day is a good way to warm it up.
**FACT:** The best way to warm a vehicle is to drive it, avoiding excessive engine revving, is the best way to get a vehicle's heating system to deliver warmer air faster.

4) Idling is good for your engine.
**FACT:** Idling can make your engine dirtier. As fuel is not burnt fully when idling, it leaves a build-up of residues on cylinder walls and valves that can damage the engine.

5) Frequent restarting of the engine is hard on a vehicle's engine and battery.
**FACT:** Increased restarting of a vehicle's engine does only minimal damage to the engine, while only very slightly draining the battery. Idling can also reduce the operating life of engine oil by 75%.

6) Idling doesn't cause that much harm.
**FACT:** Idling vehicles emit higher levels of carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide and hydrocarbons. These pollutants contribute to global warming and worsen air quality.

7) If it's cold outside I need to keep my engine running for it to stay warm.
**FACT:**Your engine will stay warm for 30-60 minutes after switching the engine off.

8) I need to keep my battery fully charged, so I have to keep the engine running.
**FACT:**Modern car batteries need less engine running time to stay charged.

9) If I am parked on a yellow line with the engine running, I can't get fined.
**FACT:**Traffic wardens can fine you if you are parked somewhere you shouldn't be - whether your engine is running or not.

Once again a reminder to contact ***SAGEshankill@gmail.com*** if you might be interested in installing solar panels.

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**SHANKILL COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER FOR A FANTASTIC FUNDRAISER**

The spirit of generosity and community was on full display at Christmas time when Brian Mason and his dedicated team successfully raised an incredible €2,000 for Shankill Day Care Centre. Their fundraising efforts, highlighted by a Christmas Day swim, not only brought people together but also supported two other vital local charities, St Joseph's Day Centre and Scoil Mhuire Primary School.

The event was a true celebration of community spirit, with fantastic support from the entire Shankill community. The turnout and encouragement from locals demonstrated the power of collective goodwill, making this fundraiser a resounding success.

The generous donation from Brian and his team will contribute significantly to the expansion of the Shankill Day Care Centre's kitchen. This improvement will allow the Centre to increase its capacity for the Meals on Wheels program and better serve day centre clients, ensuring that more people in need receive warm, nutritious meals. Their contribution will have a lasting impact on the community, providing essential support to the elderly and vulnerable.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to Brian Mason and his team for their dedication and hard work. Their fundraising efforts are deeply appreciated and will go a long way in strengthening the services provided by the Centre. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our local Councillors, Carrie Smyth, Jim Gildea, and TD Cormac Devlin, for their continued support of this important initiative. Their presence and encouragement helped make the event even more special.

A special thank you to Brian Coleman, Principal of Scoil Mhuire, for instilling in students the value of community involvement. His leadership ensures that younger generations understand the importance of giving back. Additionally, we are grateful to Father Michael of St Anne's Church for his unwavering support and prayers, which continue to uplift and inspire us.

This Christmas fundraiser was more than just an event, it was a testament to the kindness, generosity, and unity that make Shankill such a wonderful community. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who took part and we look forward to more initiatives that bring us together for the greater good.

# PLANNING NOTICES

compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea

*We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.*

*D25A/0109/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 13/02/2025*
**Bailey & Snowey Ltd., Greenacre, Ballybride Road, Rathmichael, D18X8C8**
Demolition of the existing dwelling (c.310 m²) and construction of an infill residential development comprising of 4 No, 2 storey, detached, 5 bedroom houses, all on and off site development works, open space, boundary treatments and landscaping with vehicular and pedestrian access to Ballybride Road, all on a site of circa 0.53Ha.

*D25A/0112/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 14/02/2025*
**Charton Homes Limited, Sites 4 & 6, Carpendale, Ferndale Road, Dublin 18**
Permission sought for: alterations to the previously approved plans & elevations of House Type 1 on Site 4 and House Type 1A on Site 6, and all ancillary site works. The subject buildings where previously granted permission under planning application D15A/0403 (extended under extension of duration D15A/0403/E).

*D25B/0086/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 19/02/2025*
**Colman Clinch & Sheila Curley, 4 Seafield, Shankill, D18RH27**
The development will consist of: A) Construction of a part single storey and part two-storey extension to the side and rear of the existing dwelling; B) New replacement dormer window to the side and rear of the exisiting dwelling; C) Addition of a rooflight to the side of the existing roof; D) Alterations to existing internal layout; E) All associated site works.

*ABP32193725 Part X Public Consultation Date: 27/02/2025*
**Dún Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council, Flood Relief Scheme for the Carrickmines-Shanganagh Rivers at sites in the townlands of, Woodside, Kilgobbin, Carrickmines, Brennanstown, Shankill, Loughlinstown, Shanganagh, Hackettsland.**
Flood defences at key locations along the Carrickmines and Shanganagh rivers.
Bord Pleanála Case Reference: JA06D.321937
Decision Due Date: 18/08/2025

*D25B/0102/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 26/02/2025*
**Ronan Warren, 44 Shanganagh Grove, Shankhill, D18P380**
Conversion of existing attic space comprising of modification of existing roof structure, raising of existing gable c/w window, new access stairs, 2no. roof windows to the front and flat roof dormer to the rear.

*D25B/0106 Seeking Permission Date: 27/02/2025*
**Lisa Kenny & Ross Lawless, Crinken Lodge, Dublin Road, Shankill, D18P7R9**
For proposed alterations and additions to existing 3 bed single storey gate lodge consisting of construction of a single storey Kitchen/Utility extension (35.95 Sqm) to West elevation, internal alterations and the provision of 2 number windows to North elevation with associated site development works.

*D25A/0176 Seeking Permission Date: 06/03/2025*
**Anthony Crimmins, 4 Thornhill Road, Old Conna, Bray, A98W7E8**
Proposed 75sqm two storey extension to rear of 41sqm single storey dwelling, demolition of existing front entrance porch and reconstruction of same, new waste water treatment system to EPA standards, revised entrance and all associated works.

*D25B/0126 Seeking Permission for Retention Date: 07/03/2025*
**Robert & Grainne Murphy, 35, Shrewsbury Road, Shankill, D18W102**
Permission for Retention of garage conversion, enclosed side passage with extended open sided awning with canopy roof and single storey flat roof kitchen extension to rear with ancillary works.

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

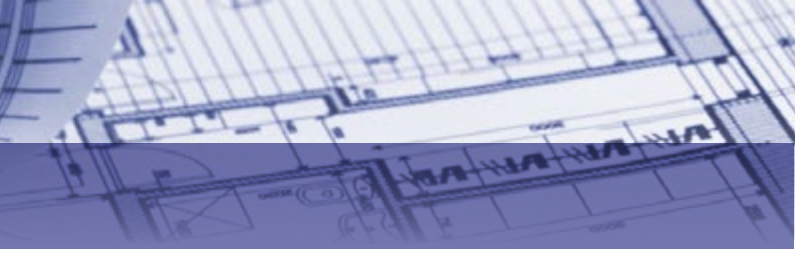
*D24A/0980 Grant Permission Date: 11/02/2025*
**Ms. Clare Perry, 63 New Vale, Shankill, Co. Dublin.**
Permission sought for the construction of a detached two-storey dwelling house in the side garden. New vehicular access to the side, new pedestrian access to the front and all associated site works to side of existing dwelling house

*D24A/1006/WEB Refuse Permission Date: 19/02/2025*
**Brenda Quigley, 10, Rathmichael Road, Rathmichael, D18AH76**
Permission for a dwelling house with an on-site wastewater treatment system, new entrance and driveway from Rathmichael Lane, and all ancillary works

*D24A/1031/WEB Grant Permission Date: 20/02/2025*
**Catherine Buggy, Palo Alto, 13 Ballybride Manor, Rathmichael, D18 P2F6**
a) Alterations and extensions to existing detached dwelling comprising; Single storey extension to rear at ground floor level, Internal layout changes, Elevational alterations to rear and sides at ground floor level, Modifications to balcony to rear at first floor level, 2 No. new dormer windows to rear of main roof.
b) Alterations and extensions to existing detached structure comprising garage/gym and family flat/apartment comprising; Single storey extension to rear providing extended areas to family flat/apartment and a new internal link between main house and detached structure, Internal layout changes to existing family flat/apartment at first floor level, Conversion of garage/gym to cinema room, Consequential elevational alterations.
c) Alterations to existing swimming pool and garden comprising; Removal of existing covered surround to existing swimming pool and demolition of existing single storey structure with associated facilities, Minor amendments to swimming pool, Single storey detached structure containing gym, changing, storage and associated plant, Covered external Kitchen/Dining/Seating area with connecting open colonnade to main house, Green house and small reflective pool feature, Hard and soft landscaping.

*D24A/1035/WEB Refuse Permission Date: 24/02/2025*
**Keith Cleary, 103A, Cherrywood Road, Shankill, D18H327**
Permission sought for the repositioning of the existing vehicular entrance from the front side to the center of the site and widening the vehicular entrance to 4.25m along with all associated site works.

*D25A/0004/WEB Grant Permission Date: 27/02/2025*
**John Maybury, The Poplars, Quinns Road, Shankill, D18P6P0**
Demolition of the existing 1 storey residential dwelling (c.435.9 sq.m) and removal of the existing boundary wall (c. 17 sq.m) along Quinn's Road. Construction of a 1-3 storey residential



development comprising 25 no. units arranged in 2 no. terrace blocks. The proposed units include 12 X 3 bed townhouses, 8 X 1 bed apartments, 4 X 3 bed duplex apartments and 1 X 2 bed townhouse. All apartment units and houses are provided with private open space in the form of balconies/ terraces and gardens. Provision of 2 no. site entrance points along Quinn's Road. A proposed pedestrian only entrance point is located at the current site access point for pedestrians/ vehicles, and a new vehicular/ pedestrian access point is provided at the southeastern boundary of the site from Quinn's Road. The development proposes c.616 sq.m of public open space and c. 85 sq.m of communal amenity open space as landscaped areas throughout the site. The proposal includes a biodiversity zone of c. 300 sq.m along the northern site boundary. The proposal includes 17 no. car parking spaces, 39 no. cycle parking spaces (27 X private, 4 X communal for duplex units, 2 X cargo bike spaces for duplex units and 6 X external visitor spaces), secure bin stores for all units, provision of an ESB kiosk, hard and soft landscaping and all other associated site works and provision of services above and below ground on an overall site area of c. 0.43ha (Net developable site area of 0.40ha excluding biodiversity zone).

## APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

*D24A/0904/WEB 1st Party Appeal against Refusal of Permission*
*Date: 11/11/2024*
**Lesley Sawyer & Dariusz Adamczyk, Suimneas, 7 Quarry Road, Shankill, D18F1H9**
(a) detached single storey dwelling (142 sq.m app) on a site comprising 0.197ha app. (b) reconfigured main site entrance (including cut back of roadside boundaries) with new gate and piers to provide dual vehicular access to existing dwelling and proposed new dwelling (c) new driveway to proposed dwelling with car parking space for two cars (d) new wastewater treatment system with pumped soil polishing filter (e) landscaping, boundary walls and fences and all associated siteworks connected with the development.
Council Decision: Refuse permission. Appeal Lodged: 10/02/2025

## APPEALS DECISION BY AN BORD PLEANÁLA

*D24A/0523/WEB Refuse Permission Date 17/02/2025*
*Council Decision: Refuse permission*
**Miguel Fitzgerald & Natacha Fitzgerald-Soto, 6A, Old Rathmichael, Dublin 18**
The construction of a detached (dormer) 3 bed dwelling (approx 208m2 gross internal area) including driveway, car parking space for 2 cars, new service & drainage connections, together with a wastewater treatment system & soil polishing filter, new gate, piers & pedestrian gate to existing entrance, and associated site development works, on site comprising 0.315 hectares (approx 3150m2)

*D24A/0582/WEB Grant Permission Date: 20/02/2025*
**David Whelehan, Whelehans Wines Limited, Bray Road, Loughlinstown, D18VK37**
The development will consist of the replacement of 2 no. existing advertising displays (of c. 1920mm wide x 2880m in height each) erected on a steel pole structure with 2 no. LED digital advertising displays (of c. 1920mm wide x 2880m in height each), to be erected on the existing steel pole structure and associated minor site development works. The overall height of the newly proposed digital signage will remain as per the existing advertising display on site at c. 4.8 metres.
Council Decision: Refuse permission

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